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CITY-SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes October 31, 2008

Attendees: Don Bordenave, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District
Elise DeYoung, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District
Andrew Ratermann, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District
Steve Stavis, Superintendent, Santa Clara Unified School District
Roger Barnes, Administrator, Business, Santa Clara Unified School District
Jim Luyau, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Santa Clara Unified School District
Larry Adams, Director, School Bond Projects, Santa Clara Unified School District
Mary Phillips, Information Technology Director
Joe Kornder, Chair, Vice Mayor
Dominic Caserta, Council Member
Jamie McLeod, Council Member
Jennifer Sparacino, City Manager
Steve Lodge, Chief of Police
Kevin Riley, Director of Planning and Inspection
George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation

Guest: None

Matter for Council Action: None

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Joe Kornder.
2. City's General Plan: 2010 – 2035
The Director of Planning and Inspection reviewed the General Plan Update and the activities of the Steering Committee. He thanked Andy Ratermann for his participation on the Steering Committee.
 - The General Plan will address planning for the years 2010 through 2035.
 - The housing element is required to be updated and certified every 7 years. The element will be reviewed and adopted in 2009 and then incorporated in the New Plan.
 - The General Plan will be updated as necessary after it is approved.
 - It was request that the City's Housing element be discussed at the next liaison meeting.
3. Update on Housing Growth in Santa Clara
The Director of Planning and Inspection reviewed the status of housing development within the City, indicating which projects are approved for construction and proposed projects that are proceeding through planning applications.
4. Don Callejon Enrollment/Cumulative Effects
The Superintendent of Schools reported on the impacted status of Don Callejon School and possible plans to meet future needs, it was also noted that the Martinson Preschool is at full enrollment.
5. Northside Branch Library – Project Status
The City Manager reported on the Council Action to allocate added funding from the Redevelopment Agency to build the Northside Branch Library. She also reported on the Council Action to increase the size of the planned community room and to require LEED

silver certifications. Present timeline for the project includes the development of design beginning in Summer 2009. Construction is being delayed because funds are not available for operation and maintenance.

6. North San Jose Agreement

The Superintendent of Schools reported on an agreement that has been reached with the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency for funding contributions for the construction of school facilities needed to accommodate students from the planned North San Jose Housing Developments. He also reported that an agreement has been reached with developers for a \$6,000 per unit school impact fee. This fee will also carry over to planned developments in Santa Clara.

7. S.C.U.S.D. General Obligation Bond Project Update

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools gave an update on the project status of school projects and offered to set up a tour of facilities.

8. Fiber Optic Network Update

The School District Information Technology Director reported on the status of the District Fiber Optic Project. The cable from Wilcox High School to district offices is complete. The installation to other school sites will be completed in Spring 2009. The District expressed appreciation to the City's Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power, for its help to facilitate the project.

9. State Approved Budget Impact on School: Impact on City of Santa Clara

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the school district budget has had reductions to some special education programs, however impacts from State funding cuts has been minimal. Continued budget problems with the State could result in additional cuts to special programs. The Superintendent noted that the Santa Clara County Property Tax Revenue is up about 7.5% due to new developments, however new enrollment is up at a higher rate. The City is also impacted by State Budget actions, inducing RDA funds being required to pay to the State, \$2,000,000.

10. District Investment Policy in relation to National Financial Situation; City policies

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the District has deposited funds with the Santa Clara County Investment Pool and Wells Fargo Bank. The Santa Clara County Fund is invested in conservative income funds as compared to the funds recently noted in the press as part of the San Mateo County Investment Pool.

The City Manager reported that the City investments are invested in conservative income funds. It noted that City policy is to hold all investments to maturity and therefore the City does not expect a loss of principal.

Both the School District and City noted that the contribution rates for P.E.R.S. and S.T.R.S. are expected to rise due to recent losses in the stock market.

11. Disaster Drill Feedback/Planning

The Police Chief reported on the results of the City's Disaster Drill that was completed on October 16th.

The Superintendent of Schools reported on a Disaster Drill that was completed in May 2008, and indicated another was planned for Spring 2009.

12. Use of Wilson Gym

The Superintendent of Schools and Acting Director of Parks and Recreation will schedule a meeting with interested parties to proceed with re-establishing the Wilson Adult Education Noon Time Fitness Program.

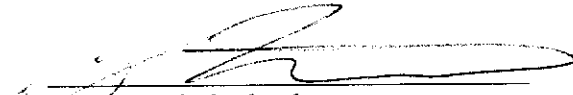
13. Public Presentations-No public presentations.

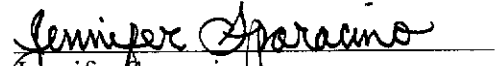
14. Schedule Next Meeting - Possible Dates for Next Meeting – April/May 2009

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


George Friedenbach
Acting Director of Parks & Recreation


Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager